Data Wrangling with pandas Cheat Sheet

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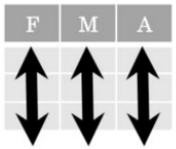
Tidy Data – A foundation for wrangling in pandas

In a tidy data set:



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Each **variable** is saved in its own **column**

Each **observation** is saved in its own **row**

Tidy data complements pandas's **vectorized operations**. pandas will automatically preserve observations as you manipulate variables. No other format works as intuitively with pandas.

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Syntax – Creating DataFrames

	a	b	c
1	4	7	10
2	5	8	11
3	6	9	12

```
df = pd.DataFrame(
        {"a" : [4 ,5, 6],
         "b" : [7, 8, 9],
         "c" : [10, 11, 12]},
       index = [1, 2, 3])
```

Specify values for each column.

```
df = pd.DataFrame(
    [[4, 7, 10],
     [5, 8, 11],
     [6, 9, 12]],
    index=[1, 2, 3],
    columns=['a', 'b', 'c'])
```

Specify values for each row.

		a	b	c
n	v			
d	1	4	7	10
	2	5	8	11
e	2	6	9	12

```
df = pd.DataFrame(
        {"a" : [4 ,5, 6],
         "b" : [7, 8, 9],
         "c" : [10, 11, 12]},
index = pd.MultiIndex.from_tuples(
        [('d',1),('d',2),('e',2)],
          names=['n','v'])))
```

Create DataFrame with a MultiIndex

Method Chaining

Most pandas methods return a DataFrame so that another pandas method can be applied to the result. This improves readability of code.

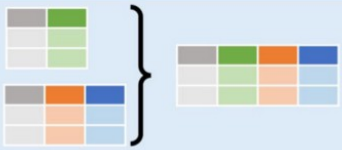
```
df = (pd.melt(df)
        .rename(columns={
                'variable' : 'var',
                'value' : 'val'})
        .query('val >= 200')
      )
```

Reshaping Data – Change the layout of a data set

pd.melt(df)
Gather columns into rows.

df.pivot(columns='var', values='val')
Spread rows into columns.

pd.concat([df1,df2])
Append rows of DataFrames



pd.concat([df1,df2], axis=1)
Append columns of DataFrames

df.sort_values('mpg')
Order rows by values of a column (low to high).

df.sort_values('mpg',ascending=False)
Order rows by values of a column (high to low).

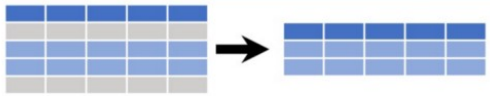
df.rename(columns = {'y':'year'})
Rename the columns of a DataFrame

df.sort_index()
Sort the index of a DataFrame

df.reset_index()
Reset index of DataFrame to row numbers, moving index to columns.

df.drop(['Length','Height'], axis=1)
Drop columns from DataFrame

Subset Observations (Rows)



df[df.Length > 7]
Extract rows that meet logical criteria.

df.drop_duplicates()
Remove duplicate rows (only considers columns).

df.head(n)
Select first n rows.

df.tail(n)
Select last n rows.

df.sample(frac=0.5)
Randomly select fraction of rows.

df.sample(n=10)
Randomly select n rows.

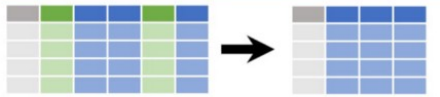
df.iloc[10:20]
Select rows by position.

df.nlargest(n, 'value')
Select and order top n entries.

df.nsmallest(n, 'value')
Select and order bottom n entries.

Logic in Python (and pandas)			
<	Less than	!=	Not equal to
>	Greater than	df.column.isin(*values*)	Group membership
==	Equals	pd.isnull(*obj*)	Is NaN
<=	Less than or equals	pd.notnull(*obj*)	Is not NaN
>=	Greater than or equals	&,|,~,^,df.any(),df.all()	Logical and, or, not, xor, any, all

Subset Variables (Columns)



df[['width','length','species']]
Select multiple columns with specific names.

df['width'] *or* **df.width**
Select single column with specific name.

df.filter(regex='*regex*')
Select columns whose name matches regular expression *regex*.

regex (Regular Expressions) Examples	
'\.'	Matches strings containing a period '.'
'Length$'	Matches strings ending with word 'Length'
'^Sepal'	Matches strings beginning with the word 'Sepal'
'^x[1-5]$'	Matches strings beginning with 'x' and ending with 1,2,3,4,5
''^(?!Species$).*'	Matches strings except the string 'Species'

df.loc[:,'x2':'x4']
Select all columns between x2 and x4 (inclusive).

df.iloc[:,[1,2,5]]
Select columns in positions 1, 2 and 5 (first column is 0).

df.loc[df['a'] > 10, ['a','c']]
Select rows meeting logical condition, and only the specific columns .